

# Welcome

## Call to Worship

*based on Romans 11:33-36*

*Leader* Oh, the depth of the riches  
both of the wisdom and of the knowledge of God!

*All* **How unsearchable his judgments  
and untraceable his ways!**

*Leader* For who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor?  
And who has ever given to God,  
that he should be repaid?

*All* **For from him and through him  
and to him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever.  
Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*

*All* O the deep, deep love of Jesus—vast, unmeasured, boundless, free!  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me!  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love,  
Leading onward, leading homeward to Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus—spread His praise from shore to shore!  
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, never more.  
How he watches o’er his loved ones, died to call them all His own;  
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus—love of every love the best!  
’Tis an ocean full of blessing, ’tis a haven sweet of rest!  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus, ’tis a heaven of heavens to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee!

*Samuel Trevor Francis, 1875*

## Prayer of Adoration

# Prayer of Confession

*Adapted from The Valley of Vision*

*Leader* We praise you for giving us permission  
to approach your throne of grace,  
and to spread our wants and desires before you.

*All* **We are not worthy of your blessings and mercies.  
Our very nature reveals itself  
in disobedience and rebellion to you.  
We are filled with discontent,  
pride, envy, and revenge.**

*Leader* Remember not the sins of our youth,  
or the many transgressions of our later years.

*All* **As we confess our guilt,  
help us to feel it deeply.  
and yet help us remember there is hope in you.  
Allow us to see the Lamb  
that takes away the sin of the world.**

*Leader* Through him may we return to you.

*All* **Help us to return to you, to listen to you,  
to trust in you, and to obey you.  
Keep us from loving idols,  
keep us from speaking ill of others,  
keep our conduct upright,  
and our character from any appearance of evil.**

# Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

*based on John 1*

*Leader* God did not leave us to die in the darkness of sin  
but sent his son, Jesus, who is life and light for all mankind.

*All* **The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness does not overcome it.  
The true light that gives light to everyone  
has come into the world.**

*Leader* The Word, Jesus, became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us.

*All* **We have seen his glory!  
The glory of the one and only Son,  
who came from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

*Leader* God demonstrated his love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.

*All* **We are forgiven!  
Alleluia!**

# Song in the Gospel

*“Jesus I Come to Thee”*

*All*

**Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light, Jesus, I come to Thee;  
Out of my sickness, into Thy health, out of my want and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Jesus I come to thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of earth’s sorrows into Thy balm, out of life’s storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress to jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Jesus I come to thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.  
Jesus, I come to thee.**

*words: William T. Sleeper, 1887; music: Nathan Partain, 2000*

# Song in the Gospel

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”*

*All*

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus Is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forever more be Thine.**

*words: 17th century German hymn, music: Silesian folk song*

## Prayer of Dependence

## Offering of Gifts and Service

## Ministry Spotlight

*Grace Marriage*

*Children’s Worship is for ages 3 through kindergarten and is a time for children to worship through song, Bible stories, and response (art or story play). Children will return to the sanctuary before communion. Parents, please pick them up in the back of the sanctuary at that time. Visitors are welcome, and parents are always invited to attend with their children.*

# Scripture

*Exodus 32*

*Reader*

<sup>1</sup> When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, “Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.”

<sup>2</sup> Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”

<sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, “Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD.” <sup>6</sup> So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. <sup>8</sup> They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’

<sup>9</sup> “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people.

<sup>10</sup> Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’”

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

<sup>15</sup> Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. <sup>16</sup> The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

<sup>17</sup> When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”

<sup>18</sup> Moses replied:

“It is not the sound of victory,  
it is not the sound of defeat;  
it is the sound of singing that I hear.”

<sup>19</sup> When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup> And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

<sup>21</sup> He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

<sup>22</sup> “Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. <sup>23</sup> They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ <sup>24</sup> So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

<sup>25</sup> Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. <sup>26</sup> So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’” <sup>28</sup> The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. <sup>29</sup> Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”

<sup>30</sup> The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”

<sup>31</sup> So Moses went back to the LORD and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. <sup>32</sup> But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”

<sup>33</sup> The LORD replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. <sup>34</sup> Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.”

<sup>35</sup> And the LORD struck the people with a plague because of what they did with the calf Aaron had made.

*Reader  
People*

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*Ben Reed*

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## Community Group Questions

- 1) *The passage shows us how we create idols to either replace God or to make God look more like we want him to look. What are some ways that we create idols in our lives, and how do those idols destroy our relationship with God?*
- 2) *In verses 11-14 Moses intercedes on behalf of the people in order to save their lives. Read Romans 8:31-34. How is Jesus like Moses, and how is he greater than Moses?*
- 3) *What are the ways you create idols and need Jesus to intercede on your behalf? If you feel comfortable, share them with the group. Take some time to pray for each other that these idols in our lives would be destroyed.*

### *Children's Questions:*

*The people made a golden calf because they believed lies about God. They believed he had forgotten them, and that he didn't care about them. But he did remember them, and he did care about them! Because they believed those lies they sinned. Are there any lies about God that you sometimes believe? If there are, don't worry, because when you tell Jesus about that, he forgives you! Take some time to tell Jesus about anything you have done wrong and then thank him for forgiving you.*

# Call to Communion and Prayer

## *Guidelines for the Reception of Communion*

*Redeemer welcomes all Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations which proclaim the gospel to receive Communion with us. We will be coming forward for the distribution of Communion. Please eat the bread privately, and then drink the cup together with us after everyone has returned to their seats. Clear cups (located in the interior rings) contain grape juice. Red cups (exterior ring of tray) contain wine. Children who have been interviewed by the elders are able to partake of Communion.*

*The ministry of prayer is one of the ways we live together as a community of believers and seekers. During Communion, members of our prayer team are available at the front of the sanctuary. It would be our privilege to pray with you as we walk together through the joys and struggles of life. We also encourage you to pray with one another in the pews during this time of movement in our service.*

## Prayers

### *Prayer for Guidance to Truth*

*God, I don't know how I feel about what I have heard today but I want to trust that you are good, that you are loving, and that you are just. I want to know if you are the true God. If you are there, would you guide my soul to the truest truth. I don't want to be tricked or believe a lie. I don't want to believe in something just to make me feel better. Please God, lead me to the truth.*

### *Prayer of Belief and Repentance*

*Jesus, I believe that you are who you say you are: the Son of God and the savior of broken people like me. I need forgiveness. I need to be made new and to start over again. I now turn away from all I have been doing. I turn away from my self-centered life. I turn my whole heart toward you. I believe that when you were crucified, you took all of my evil and somehow you gave me all of your beauty. I invite your Holy Spirit to live in me. I do not want to live for myself any more. I want you to lead my life. I want to know you and to receive your love for me. Please teach me and protect me and guide me. I am yours. I ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

### *Prayer of Doubt and Faith*

*God, I don't really believe all of this, but there is a part of my heart that knows there is truth and goodness here. I am confused by the fact that there are so many things that I don't understand or that make me angry about you. There are also so many things that fill my heart with hope and many things that draw me to you, and I want to put my trust in you. God, you say I can come to you and ask for anything, so if you are real, please give me the faith I need to believe. Give me the desire to continue to seek after you. Keep my heart from self-deception. Protect me from any evil misleading or binding spirits. Calm my fears. Soften my cynicism. Be patient with me, and if you are God, please don't let me go, but instead let me know that you are real. I have a little faith, help me in my doubt.*

# Song of Celebration

*“From Him and Through Him and To Him”*

*Ensemble*

From him and through him and to him are all things, to him be the glory and praise,  
From him and through him and to him are all things, to him be the glory forever.

Oh, the depths of the riches of his knowledge and his wisdom  
His judgments are unsearchable, his ways have no end;  
I love him forever, for he sent Christ Jesus,  
To be my redeemer, my savior, my friend.

From him and through him and to him are all things, to him be the glory and praise,  
From him and through him and to him are all things, to him be the glory forever.

For who has known the mind of the father,  
And who could become his counselor?  
I love him forever, for Jesus died for me,  
My sins are forgiven, he gave me his word.

From him and through him and to him are all things, to him be the glory and praise,  
From him and through him and to him are all things, to him be the glory forever.

Now I love the Father and the Son and the Spirit,  
Who was, and now is, and forever shall be;  
I love him forever, for Jesus has risen,  
I love him forever and I know he loves me.

From him and through him and to him are all things, to him be the glory and praise,  
From him and through him and to him are all things, to him be the glory forever.

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From him and through him and to him are all things, to him be the glory forever.

*Tom Peck, 1980 (based on Romans 11:33-36)*

# Song of Celebration

*“Jesus Lives and So Shall I”*

*Ensemble*

Jesus lives, and so shall I; death, thy sting is gone forever:  
He, who deigned for me to die, lives the bands of death to sever.  
He shall raise me with the just; Jesus is my hope and trust.  
He shall raise me with the just.

Jesus lives and reigns supreme; and, his kingdom still remaining,  
I shall also be with Him, ever living, ever reigning.  
God has promised; be it must: Jesus is my hope and trust.  
God has promised; be it must

Jesus lives, and by His grace, victory o’er my passions giving,  
Pow’r to cleanse my heart and ways, ever to His glory living.  
The weak He raises from the dust; Jesus is my hope and trust.  
The weak He raises from the dust

Jesus lives, and death is now but my entrance into glory,  
Courage! then, my soul, for thou hast a crown of life before thee;  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just—Jesus is the Christian’s trust.  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just.  
Thou shalt find thy hopes were just.

*words: Christian F. Gellert, 1744; music: Nathan Partain, 2003*

# Life as Worship

*Grace Marriage*

*Shepherd Community Blanket Drive*

# Valediction

*based on Revelation 1:4-6*

*Leader*

Grace and peace to you  
from the one who is, who was,  
and who is to come.

*All*

**Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn from the dead  
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

*Leader*

To him who loves us  
and has set us free from our sins by his blood,  
and made us a kingdom,  
priests to his God and Father—

*All*

**To him be glory and dominion  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## Departing Hymn

*“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”*

*All*

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my cleansing this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

**Now by this I'll overcome, nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Now by this I'll reach my home, nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
O! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

*words and traditional music: Robert Lowry*

## Benediction



Are you interested in learning new ways to connect with your spouse? Investing in your marriage to keep it on the right track and growing in Christ?

## **Come get proactive with other couples about your connection!**

Redeemer is creating groups of married couples that will meet together four times in 2020 to support each other in their marriages. Groups will share a discussion guide from Grace Marriage, a ministry that helps marriages thrive through sustainable discipleship ([gracemarriage.com](http://gracemarriage.com)).

### **Nuts and Bolts:**

- Couples sign up for one year
- Groups will meet at the church one Saturday each in February, April, August, and October, from 9:30am-1:30pm
- Childcare and Food included
- Groups are facilitator-led by a mature couple, seasoned in marriage
- \$350 per couple / Scholarships available (The fee pays for the material from Grace, childcare, and food)
- Spots are limited



With questions or to register, email Pastor of Care, Jeff Nottingham [[jeff.nottingham@redeemindy.org](mailto:jeff.nottingham@redeemindy.org)].

# Upcoming Events

## **Blankets needed at Shepherd Community**

Shepherd Community needs blankets to help keep their families warm this winter. Their goal is to provide 400 blankets for their children by the end of the month. Purchase the blankets from their Amazon wishlist [<http://a.co/hyikwAN>]. Drop off in the back of the sanctuary by 12/1. For more information, contact Jen Maurer [[jen.maurer@redeemindy.org](mailto:jen.maurer@redeemindy.org)].

## **Want to spend some time investing in your marriage with other couples?**

In the coming year, Redeemer is facilitating a space for groups of couples to share and discuss through a curriculum from Grace Marriage ([gracemarriage.com](http://gracemarriage.com)). Groups will meet four times in 2020. Come get proactive about your connection as a couple! Childcare provided. There is a fee to participate, scholarships are available. Look for more information in the coming weeks. Questions? Email Pastor of Care Jeff Nottingham [[jeff.nottingham@redeemindy.org](mailto:jeff.nottingham@redeemindy.org)].

## **The Gospel Women's Conference - Registration**

The Gospel Coalition Women's Conference is coming to Indianapolis this summer, June 11-13. This is a three day conference with women from around the world, studying the book of James and worshipping. Redeemer Women has a discount code to help with the cost. On the conference website, please choose the individual registration option, and enter the discount code (REDEEMINDY) at the bottom of the first page, which will give \$25 off. Email [[women@redeemindy.org](mailto:women@redeemindy.org)] if you are interested in opportunities to gather with other Redeemer Women going to the conference.

## **Feeling inadequate to handle life and relationships?**

Redeemer's counseling service, New Hope Counseling, is here to assist you [[newhopeindianapolis.org](http://newhopeindianapolis.org)]. Email [[counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org](mailto:counseling@newhopeindianapolis.org)] and you'll be connected with the right counselor for you. Placement may take 1-2 weeks. Our team sees children, teens, couples, families, and individual clients. Partial scholarships available if needed.

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